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to interest, instruct, and benefit its readers.

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culars, Cards, Handbills, etc., on as
good terms as at any other office.

To the friends of Temperance and the
public generally we now make our appeal
in behalf of this paper. The publisher
feeling it a matter of importance to the
interest of the Temperance cause in the Dis-
trict, as well as the general interest of the
cause, and having been, as he conceives,
Providentially placed in a situation at this
time when he can mingle this interest with
that of the business men, and thereby ren-
der a double service to the community, and
still further open a medium of communica-
tion by which our principles may be ex-
tended far and wide, at a cheap rate, he
has purchased a printing establishment, so
as not only to be able to put a daily paper
regularly to press, but also a weekly; and
still further, be able to do any other print-
ing the public may be pleased to have done;
and he assures them that they shall have
no cause of complaint. He has made ar-
rangements by which he can devote his
time to the interest of the office and the pa-
per; and, having employed Mr. Charles W.
Fenton, who will be always on the spot, to
conduct the printing, he has no doubt but
that general satisfaction will be given. We
shall make arrangements to have the earliest
news; also the proceedings of Congress.

We wish all who are indebted to the pa-
per up to this time to pay up, as the affairs
of the tri-weekly must be closed. They
will perceive that we are about to give
them a better paper, double the number, at
the same price.

While the "COLUMBIAN FOUNTAIN" will
be devoted to the cause of Temperance, its
columns will be enriched by original articles
on subjects calculated to interest, instruct,
and benefit its readers. It is intended so to
blend variety, amusement, and instruction,
as that the various tastes of its patrons may
be (as far as it is practicable) gratified.
Commerce, Literature, and Science, and
every other subject of interest, not inconsis-
tent with Temperance and morality, will re-
ceive the earnest attention of the publisher.
Nothing of a sectarian, political, or personal
character will be admitted.

A Card.

THE subscriber takes this method to inform his
customers, and the public generally, that he
has, for the present, removed his Boot and Shoe
establishment on the opposite side of the street,
next door to Mr. Kinchey's confectionary, and
opposite to Mr. Dyer's Auction Store, South side of
Pennsylvania Avenue, between 10th and 11th
streets, where he can be found at all times, ready
to execute any orders he may be favored with,
at the shortest notice, and in the best and most
fashionable style. He would also wish his customers
and the public generally, to take notice that his en-
tire stock will be sold, from and after this date, at
Cost, and no mistake. To those wishing to pur-
chase, he would say call and see his stock, consist-
ing of almost every article, size, quality and price,
in his line of business, worn by gentlemen, ladies,
boys, misses, youths and children.

THOMAS B. GRIFFIN.

N. B. The subscriber has on hand between 200
and 300 pairs black and white satin, and black
and white Kid slippers of the finest quality, at \$1 25
per pair.
T. B. G.
march 25-4f

JUDSON'S PORTRAIT.—Subscriptions
will be received at Wm. Q. Force's book-store,
corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 10th street, for
copies of the Portrait of Dr. Judson, now in course
of preparation, and soon to be published under the
direction of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions,
at the following prices: Lithograph, on good paper,
25 cents; on fine paper, 50 cents; steel engraving,
on common plate paper, \$1; India proof impressions,
\$2. The Portrait is from a Painting by Harding,
and is in size nine inches by eleven. feb 6-4f

FOR SALE.

THE subscriber will sell, on accommodating terms,
the following property, to wit: the BRICK
HOUSE now occupied for the publication of the
Columbian Fountain, four TWO STORY FRAME
HOUSES, and a COTTAGE, fronting on First
street South, fronting the Capitol. Application
can be made either at my dwelling, near the Rail-
road, or Lumber Yard office, Seventh street, near
the Canal, where all kinds of BUILDING MA-
TERIALS, together with CEMENT, CALCINED
PLASTER, COAL, &c., &c., can be had
cheap for cash or short credit.
feb. 17, 1846.—4f JOHN PURDY,

BUSINESS CARDS.

BENJAMIN HOMANS,
Auctioneer and Commission Merchant,
Between 10th and 11th Streets, fronting Penn-
sylvania Avenue.

Sales of Real Estate, Furniture, and Personal
Property, attended to at any place within the city,
march 9-4f

DENNIS PUMPHREY'S Livery Stable, cor-
ner of 6th and C streets. Horses and Car-
riages to hire. Horses taken at livery, and kept
in the best manner.

A. GLADMON,
House Carpenter and Joiner.

Shop corner of 9th and M streets, Washington.
Where, at all times, Sash, Blinds, Doors, &c., can
be had. All manner of work in his line will be ex-
ecuted at the shortest notice.

HOMCEPATHY.—Dr. Jonas Green, (late of
Philadelphia,) tenders his professional ser-
vices to the citizens of Washington and its vicinity,
as a practitioner of the Homoeopathic system of medi-
cine. His residence is on C street, near 3d.
dec 23-4f

BRISCOE & CLARKE, Dealers in Cloths, Cas-
simeres, Vestings, &c., Pennsylvania avenue,
a few doors west of Brown's Hotel.

ISAAC STODDARD.—Blacksmithing in gen-
eral, on Four and a half, between E and F sts.
Work done cheap.

WILLIAM P. SHEDD,
Old Centre Market, opposite J. Walker's.
KEEPS constantly for sale all kinds of fresh
meats; meat well dressed, and at moderate
prices. march 11-4f

PRESLEY SIMPSON, Pennsylvania Avenue,
North side, 2d door east of 11th street, keeps
a general assortment of Family Groceries.

ANDREW J. JOYCE, Horse Shoeing and
Smithing Establishment, successor to John
Daley, corner of 14th and E streets, near Fuller's
Hotel. Thankful for the patronage he has received
from a liberal public, he solicits a continuance
of the same.

W. H. GUNNELL.—Dealer in Lumber,
Lime, Wood, &c. Corner of Canal and
6th streets, near Pennsylvania Avenue.

R. HAMILTON P. HOWARD, tenders his
professional services to the citizens of Wash-
ington, D. C. He may be found at Dr. F. How-
ard's, N. E. corner of F and 11th sts. Dec. 2—

RICHARD VANSANT,
Merchant Tailor and Gentlemen's Furnishing store,
Pennsylvania avenue, between 14th and 15th
streets, and adjoining Fuller's Hotel.
march 12-4f

JONATHAN T. WALKER.—House car-
penter and joiner on K street, shop corner K
and 8th streets.

FRANCIS Y. NAYLOR,
Copper, Tin, Sheet-Iron and Stove Manufacturer.
Roofing, Guttering, Spouting, &c. South side
Pennsylvania avenue, near Third-street, Wash-
ington, City, D. C.

C. H. VAN PATTEN, M. D., Dentist,
PERFORMS all operations upon the Teeth,
Gums and Mouth, with the greatest care and
skill. Office near Brown's Hotel, and next door to
Todd's Hat Store. feb 25-1y

CHEAP FOR CASH!!

L. S. BECK & SON,
House-Furnishing Store, Pennsylvania
Avenue, South side, between 9th and 10th
streets, Washington.

We have on hand new and second-hand goods:
such as Bedsteads, Beds, and Bedding; Tables,
Chairs, Bureaus and Sideboards; China, Glass,
and Crockeryware, Cutlery, Hollow-ware of every
variety, Shovels and Tongs, Carpets, Brooms,
Brushes, Willow and Woodenware; with a va-
riety of articles too numerous to mention. apr 16

J. S. BALL,
Dealer in Tobacco, Snuff & Cigars, Pennsylvania
Avenue, between Fuller's & Gallabrun's Hotel.
april 22.

J. S. BALL also repairs Watches and Jewelry.
J. april 22-4f

EARTHENWARE, CHINA AND GLASS,
T. PURSELL, Importer and Dealer in E. Ware,
China and Glass, wholesale and retail, at
his store, opposite Brown's Hotel, Pennsylvania
avenue, Washington city, D. C.

CUPPING, LEECHING AND BLEEDING
A large supply of best Swedish Leeches,
already on hand, to be applied or for sale, by
SAM'L. DEVAUGHN, 9th street.
Who also has ICE for sale whenever called for,
as above. april 2-4f

W. WHITNEY.—Boot and Shoe Dealer,
opposite Brown's Hotel, Pennsylvania
Avenue, has received his fall stock of Boots and
Shoes suitable for plantation use, he invites the at-
tention of those who wish such articles, and prom-
ises them good bargains.

GEORGE COLLARD,
DEALER IN LUMBER, WOOD, COAL, LIME
SAND, AND CEMENT,
Corner of 6th st. and Missouri Avenue.
Nov. 4

**PROTECTION INSURANCE
COMPANY.**
HYATT, Agent for the Protection Insurance
Company of Hartford, Connecticut, offers to
insure houses, mills, factories, barns, and their con-
tents, and all other descriptions of insurable prop-
erty, against loss or damage by fire. The rates of
premium offered are as low as those of any other
similar institution, and every man has now an op-
portunity, for a trifling sum, to protect himself
against the ravages of this destructive element,
which often in a single hour sweeps away the earn-
ings of many years.

The course the office pursues in transacting their
business, and in the adjustment and paying of losses,
is prompt and liberal.
For terms of insurance, application may be made
to the above named agent, at his office, opposite
Brown's Hotel, in the city of Washington, who is
authorized to issue policies to applicants without de-
lay.
D. W. CLARK, President.
W. CONNER, Secretary.
feb 8-4f **S. HYATT,** Agent.

Hardware!! Hardware!! Hardware!!!

E. WHEELER, Penn. Avenue, near 7th street.
HAS just opened an entire new and well select-
ed assortment of Hardware, Cutlery and
Fancy Goods, which he offers for sale at whole-
sale or retail, on as accommodating terms as they
can be had in the district.

His stock consists in part of the following arti-
cles: Roger's & Son's and others' Table Cutlery
in complete sets, Ivory, Buffalo, Buck, Bone, and
Cocoa Dining, and Desert Knives and Forks, Ger-
man Silver, and Britannia, Tea and Table Spoons,
Penknives, Razors, Scissors, Nut Picks, and
Crackers, Cooks', Butchers', Shoe and Carving
Knives, Snuffers and Trays, Plated, Steel and
Brass Audirons, Shovels and Tongs, Shovel and
Tong Stands, and Fenders, Tea Trays and Wait-
ers, in sets and separately, Bellmetal and Porce-
lain Preserving Kettles, Iron, Tin, Tea Kettles and
Sauce Pans, Long and Short Handle Frying Pans,
and Stove Pans, Ovens and Lids, Pots, Skillets,
Griddles and extra Lids, Iron Furnaces, Potatoes
Steamers, Mortars and Pestles, Warlike Irons, Sad
Irons, Skimmers, Ladles and Forks, Coffee Mills,
Sifters, Bread Toasters, &c., Shovels, Spades,
Forks, Hay and Straw Knives, Axes, Hatchets,
Hammers, Saws and Planes, Cut, wrought and
Horse Shoe Nails, Cut Tacks, Brads and Spars-
bles, Rims, Cottage, Mortise and Stock Locks,
Closet, Cupboard, Till, Chest, Trunk and Pad
Locks, Mortise' Stop, Knob and Thumb Latches,
and Bolts, Table, Butt, Parliament, H. L. & Strap
Hinges, Palmer's pat. Blind Hinges, to fasten
back to and Farnham's pat. Window Blind fast-
eners, Common and Axle Sash Pulleys and sash
Cord, New England Co. Wood Screws all sizes,
Sofa Springs, Bed Screws, Castors and Furniture
Knobs, Curtain Bands and Pins, Iron and Brass
Haj and Coat Hooks, Single and Double Barrel
Guns and Apparatus, Brushes, Combs, Buttons,
Needles and Pins, Shoe Thread, Cotton, Worsted,
Diaper, Boot and Straining Web, Curry Combs,
Horse Cards, Wool Cards, Ox, Trace Halters,
Backband and Dog Chains, Brass, Copper and Iron
Wire, Round, Flat and Square Iron, Hoop and
Band Iron, Nail Rods, Burdens' pat. Horse Shoes,
Carriage Springs, Wagon Boxes, American and
English Blister, Cast and Sheer Steel, &c., &c.
All of which, he will sell as low as can be had
at any regular Hardware House in the city.
Washington, Nov. 4, 1845.

COMBS, BRUSHES, AND PERFUMERY.—
We have just returned from the North with an
extensive assortment of the above-named articles,
and are now ready to supply our customers with
the best and freshest Perfumery, consisting of Po-
matums, Ox Marrow, and Oils for beautifying and
promoting the growth of the hair; Cold Cream,
Lip Salve, Bay Rum, Farina Cologne, Lubin's Ex-
tracts for the handkerchief, with a great variety of
English and French Hair Brushes.
Also, Shell, Buffalo, and Horn dressing, tuck, and
side Combs; Nail and Tooth Brushes; a very fine
article of Purples, all of which we are determined
to sell cheaper than the cheapest.

S. PARKER'S Perfumery and
Fancy Store, bet. 9th and 10th streets,
Pennsylvania avenue. nov 4-4f

**GEORGE W. CLARKE, BUILDER AND
GENERAL FURNISHING UNDERTAKER**
corner of Virginia avenue L and 9th street, near the
Navy Yard Gate—or at his residence, on the west
side of 11th street, near the eastern Branch bridge.
—Thankful for the liberal patronage with which
he has already been favored, he respectfully solicits a
continuance of the same.

Always on hand, ready for use, Pine, Cherry,
Walnut, Poplar, and Mahogany, which he manu-
factures into Coffins at the shortest notice, and on
the most reasonable terms.

Hearse and carriages furnished at the shortest
notice. All orders thankfully received and prompt-
ly attended to at all hours, if left at the above place.
N. B.—Carpenters work in all its branches done
on the most reasonable terms, and at the shortest
notice.

Old Furniture repaired and varnished, and made
look equal to new. dec 18-6m

LOOK THIS WAY EVERY BODY:
Painting done by the art of **HOMAS POCUS.**
THOMAS HILTON, House, Sign, and Orna-
mental Painter. Old Chairs repainted, and
Furniture varnished. He will be ready for the
prompt execution of work at all times, on the most
reasonable terms. Shop on 12th street, between
G and H streets. march 12-4f

CUMBERLAND COAL. from the celebrated
mines of the Maryland Mining Com-
pany, and of a quality better than any heretofore of-
fered in this market, can be had by the car load, or
smaller quantity, at
J. PURDY'S
Coal and Lumber Yard, Centre-market.
feb 6-4f

GRAND DICTIONNAIRE FRANCAIS—
G Anglais, et Anglais Francais; by Professors
Fleming and Tibbins. In two large quarto vo-
lumes.

"Redigé d'après la sixième édition du Diction-
naire de l'Académie Française, le complément de
ce dictionnaire, la dernière édition de Chambans,
Garrier, et J. Descailleries, le Dictionnaire Gram-
matical de Laveau, et le Lexique Universel de
Boiste, les Dictionnaires Anglais de Johnson, Todd,
Ash, Webster, et Crabbe, et les principaux ou-
vrages technologiques de l'une et l'autre langue;"
and containing all the words in use in both lan-
guages, together with the obsolete terms connected
with polite literature; technical terms used in the
arts, sciences, and manufactures, in the naval and
military sciences, in law, trade, and commerce; ge-
ographical and mythological terms, with the ad-
jectives or epithets elucidating history; a literal pro-
nunciation of English words for the use of the
French student, and of French words for the Eng-
lish; accurate and discriminating definitions, with
examples and illustrations tending to display and
fix the signification, import, rank, and character, of
each individual word; peculiar constructions, modes
of speech, idioms, sayings, and proverbs; etymology,
exhibiting words in their origin and affinity;
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feb 7-4f **F. TAYLOR.**

MEDICAL NOTICE.
D. R. PHILANDER GOULD offers his profes-
sional services to the citizens of Washington.
Office on Pennsylvania avenue, opposite Messrs.
Brown's Hotel. april 11-3m

New Flour Store.

THE subscriber has taken the warehouse on the
North side of water street, opposite Messrs.
Read & Son, and intends keeping a supply of all
the various grades of flour. He will endeavor to
make it the interest of dealers in the article to give
him a call, as he is determined to sell at small pro-
fits.
LEWIS BROOKS,
Water street, Georgetown
feb 7-4f

IMPORTANT PROCEEDINGS.

I have seen no notice in your paper yet
of a late meeting on a subject deeply interest-
ing to the citizens of Washington. As none
of your regular correspondents have allu-
ded to it, I propose, if acceptable, to fur-
nish you with a brief account of its pro-
ceedings. I was not present at the meet-
ing myself, and so cannot vouch for per-
sonal observation for entire accuracy. But
I have full confidence in the source from
which my information is drawn. The
meeting seems not to have originated from
a public call, but rather to have been a
voluntary assembling of a few benevolent
individuals, willing to aid in promoting the
welfare of our city. Indeed, I am not
sure whether it was the intention of the
persons composing the meeting to have
the proceedings published, but I suppose
they cannot seriously object to it. It was
rather by accident than otherwise that so
full a knowledge of the proceedings came
into my possession. And, under such cir-
cumstances, I at first felt some doubts as
to the propriety of making them public,
but a full consideration of the import-
ance of the objects of the meeting con-
vinced me that, so far from there being
any impropriety, it was rather a duty in-
cumbent on me as a good citizen to spread
them before the community. The source
from which I derive my information is a
little parcel of papers, which, as I said
before, I obtained by accident. The papers
consist of notes, reports, remarks, and
other matters relating to the meeting, and
appear to have been drawn up either by the
Secretary or some attentive member. They
seem, however, not to relate to the first
meeting, but to some later one, appoint-
ed to receive reports of committees and
take some final action. To publish all the
papers would occupy too much room. I
will therefore only send you some of the
most material, and will endeavor to con-
dense them into as small a compass as their
importance will admit.

After the meeting had been opened, and
the proceedings of the last meeting read,
the chairman stated that the first business
in order was the reading of reports.

The first report submitted was from the
Committee of Visitation. This was an able
report, and embraced much valuable infor-
mation. The committee had visited three
hundred and eleven private houses, and one
hundred and seventeen stores, in various
parts of the city, but especially in the por-
tion on Penn. Avenue, between First and
Fifteenth streets west. They had also tak-
en in writing the opinions of twenty-two
eminent individuals. All concurred in re-
presenting the evil complained of, as of a
most serious character, and one which
ought to be speedily remedied. In private
mansions the evil is extremely great, and
in stores much more so. Furniture has
been injured, goods damaged, health de-
stroyed, and life itself perilled. Time has
been lost, temper soured, neatness rendered
impossible, and not a spot can be found free
from the foul marks of this worse than lep-
rosy. Here the report became quite elo-
quent. It concluded by urging upon every
member the importance of using every ef-
fort to abate the evil.

A gentleman in the corner, who had
hitherto been silent, now arose and spoke
to this effect:

"Mr. President,—My blood boils with-
in me. Ten long years I have submitted
in silence. Longer forbearance would be
a crime. One of my children has become
blind; and another, and the one I most
loved, has fled from the city to escape the
pestilence. I have lost goods to the value
of two thousand dollars, and time, and
wear and tear of material, to at least a
thousand more. Sir, must it be borne?
By my blind son—by my lost daughter—
by my shattered fortune, I demand relief.
Tell me not of hope. I have hoped, and
while hoping I have lost my children, and
I have hoped, and while hoping I have been
verging fast to ruin. Sir, 'tis mockery to
be tightening the cord around the victim's
neck, and tell him still to hope!"
These remarks produced a strong sensa-
tion among the members. Several others
arose and bore testimony to the same effect.
Were there room, I would be glad to give
the statement of one especially, who proved,

from unquestionable statistics, that had it
not been for the existence of this evil, the
population of Washington would have
been greater than it now is by 226 males
and 313 females, and that the value of
property on Pennsylvania avenue would
have been one and three-sevenths per cent.
higher.

The next committee to report was the
Committee on Health. The ability of the
members on this committee was of itself
sufficient to insure a report of great value.
The committee stated that they had made
as extensive and as minute researches as
their opportunities would allow. Some of
the facts they presented were truly appall-
ing. They showed conclusively that the
evil was inhaled at every breath and swal-
lowed at every meal; and further, that the
construction of the human frame, and the
nature of the atmosphere, was such that
even the pores of the body were constantly
absorbing it, and that at every moment,
whether asleep or awake, and wherever it
might be, the body was continually becom-
ing saturated with the noxious dust.

[Here, one of the members begged to in-
terrupt the reading of the report for a sin-
gle moment, to suggest whether, by remain-
ing always in a bath, the evil might not be
avoided. The chairman stated that this
question would more properly be in order
when they came to discuss the various
plans of relief that might be proposed.]

The committee further stated that, for the
purpose of obtaining the most accurate ba-
sis possible for their investigations, they
had endeavored to find some individual who
would be willing to remain on the avenue
ten hours, and then submit to a post mortem
examination. They had not found any one
of sufficient public spirit to afford them this
means of judging, though they had repre-
sented to several, with all their ability, the
lasting obligations such a one would receive
from his fellow-citizens. In the absence,
then of actual experiments, they had drawn
their deductions with great care, and they
exhibited several drawings, showing the
condition of the internal organs after living
for some time in an atmosphere of dust, (at
the sight of these drawings two members
fainted.) The committee also stated that ma-
ny cases had come under their own observa-
tion of serious injury to the eyes, throat,
and lungs in consequence of the dust. Va-
rious other items of information were pre-
sented, all tending to show beyond the sha-
dow of a doubt the actual existence of the
evil complained of, and its deleterious in-
fluence upon the health of our population.

The *Committee on Weights and Measures*
next reported. It had been their province
to gather statistics and make actual mea-
surement of the quantity of dust actually
inhaled and consumed. The report stated
that they had not been able to ascertain
with accuracy the precise amount con-
sumed by each man, woman and child in
the city, and therefore they had been com-
pelled to take an average, and that even
this average would be rather a theoretical
than an actual one, as doubtless those per-
sons who lived on the avenue consumed
more than those who were in the outskirts
of the city. The committee had used
every precaution to ensure accuracy. They
had closely examined not less than fourteen
individuals. One stated that he believed
one-half he eat and breathed was dust:
others stated much less; one being so low
as the one-hundredth part. Between these
two extremes, various quantities were
stated, the average of which was the fifti-
eth. The committee report, therefore, that
one-fiftieth of all that the citizens of Wash-
ington eat, drink, and breathe, is dust.

(To be concluded.)

FOR RENT.—The House just vacated by
Lieut. P. Lee, on H street, between 17th
and 18th streets, near the President's House, with
a three-story brick house, with small carriage house,
&c., pleasantly located, will be rented to a good ten-
ant, with or without the furniture, very reasonably.
Enquire of **SELBY PARKER,**
Pennsylvania avenue, or of Wm. H. PARKER, on the
premises. april 16-4f

GARDEN SEED

Wholesale and retail.
WEATHERSFIELD GARDEN SEEDS, for
sale on E street, 3 doors from 11th
street east. Just received and now opening, a
large supply of Garden Seed, red and white; On-
ion sets, Garlic sets; early Peas, Beans, Corn,
and a general assortment of Seeds.
All orders promptly attended to.
THOS. C. WILSON,
General Agent.
april 30-4f